## THIRD CLASS PASSENGERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL—INCONVENIENCES FELT BY.

**36. Mr. A. V. Moothedan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great inconvenience, discomfort and congestion felt by third class passengers travelling by rail;

(*b*) have the Government made representations to the Railway Advisory Board, regarding this matter?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** (*a*) & (*b*) There had been certain representations to Government regarding the inconvenience felt by third class passengers on the Shoranur-Cochin Railway, prior to the conversion of the Railway into Broad Gauge. Government are not aware of any inconvenience, discomfort and congestion felt by third class passengers since the conversion.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:** May I know, Sir, whether third class passengers as well as other class passengers feel the inconvenience due to the difference in height between the platform and the train?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** Yes, to some extent that has been remedied now by putting another foot-board also to the train.

## STAFF—HUZUR SECRETARIAT.

**37. Mr. M. K. Devassy:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the salary of the Secretariat staff;

(2) the number of files disposed of by the Secretariat;

(3) the number of files personally attended to by the Diwan:—

(*a*) during the year that preceded the reorganisation of the Secretariat;

(*b*) during the year that succeeded the reorganisation of the Secretariat?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** (1) Vide details under "14 General Administration (1) Huzur Secretariat" in the State Budget for 1114.

(2) It is not possible to furnish the information as the period for which the information required has not been specified.

(3) (*a*) & (*b*) No statistics have been maintained.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy:** Sub-clauses (*a*) and (*b*) specify the period.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** No. The answer given there is to sub-division Nos. 1 and 2 of the question.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy:** Are there not sub-clauses under the same question?

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**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** I thought the sub-clauses relate to No. 3.

**Mr. M. K. Devassy:** I am extremely sorry the hon'ble member misunderstood the question. I wanted three separate statements regarding the working of the Secretariat for the year that preceded the reorganisation and after the reorganisation. That was why I put sub-clauses (*a*) and (*b*).

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** I am sorry, the meaning was not clear from the question.

## PROSECUTING INSPECTOR—APPOINTMENT OF.

38. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the period or periods of service put in by Mr. M. V. Abraham as Acting Prosecuting Inspector;

(*b*) whether he is in Government service at present;

(*c*) whether vacancy has not occurred recently for the post in which Mr. Abraham was acting;

(*d*) whether he was appointed thereto;

(*e*) if not, why not?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** (*a*) 6 months and 21 days from 4th Meenam 1112 and again for 2 months and 20 days from 24th Vrischigam 1113.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Government are not bound to re-appoint a person to a post merely on the ground that he has acted before.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:** With regard to sub-division (*e*), the question is why he was not appointed. What was the particular reason for not giving him the appointment when a permanent vacancy arose? We do not say that you are bound to do it.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** The answer is clear. I have nothing more to add.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan:** May I know, Sir, whether the present appointment will not militate against Standing Order No. 16?

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** No, Sir.

**Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:** If we understand it aright, the meaning of S. O. No. 16 is that acting appointments should be made as carefully as permanent appointments are made. Acting incumbents have a lien on the post when it becomes permanent.

**Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar:** That is not what the Standing Order says. Acting incumbents may think that they may have a lien. Not that they have a lien.

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